

REMARKS

Applicant amends the claims to remove multiple dependencies.

Applicant requests consideration of only those claims subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. §251 in the parent reissue application (Application No. 08/122,934, filed September 17, 1993). Accordingly, Applicant cancels from this divisional reissue application, without prejudice, claims 1-14, for which patentability was confirmed in the parent reissue application.

The Examiner is requested to confirm that a 37 CFR 1.177 letter issued by the Special Program Law Office is present in each divisional reissue application file, so that the parent continuation application may proceed immediately to issue (see MPEP §1451).

No additional fees are believed due in connection with the filing of this preliminary amendment. However, to the extent additional fees are due, please charge any fees, or make any credits, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the claims:

Claims 1-14 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

Claims 17 and 25 have been amended as follows:

- 17. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 15 [~~or 16~~] wherein the message includes a destination address field that is checked for a match with an address associated with the destination, and
- wherein the address field is transmitted in the message segment of the first slot used to transmit the message.
25. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 23 [~~or 24~~] wherein the message includes a destination address field and wherein the segmentation machine is arranged to transmit the address field in the message segment of the first slot of the message. --